

## **Leopold MAERZ**

Academic Titles: Dipl.Ing. Dr.

Professor of Biochemistry

### **Universitaet fuer Bodenkultur Wien (BOKU)**

(University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Vienna)

Born 1944

#### **Academic Profile:**

Graduation	1969 (Food Technology & Biotechnology)
Promotion (Doctorate)	1972
Fulbright Scholar:	State Univ. at Buffalo, USA; 1972-1974
Visiting Professor:	Buffalo, 1977; McMaster University (Hamilton, Canada), 1978
Habilitation:	Biochemistry; 1980
Assoc. Professor:	1983
Full Professor:	1990

Head of the Institute of Chemistry (1983-1992)

#### **Research**

Area of interest: Biochemistry of Glycoconjugates (Glycobiology)

#### **Academic Functions and Achievements**

- Head of the Institute of Chemistry (1983 – 1992)
- 1985: Establishment of the Centre for Applied Genetics; prov. Chairman until 1989
- **RECTOR** (1993 - 2003)
- Vicepresident of the Austrian Rectors' Conference (1996 – 1998)

#### **Functions and activities related to the area of scientific specialization:**

- Founding President of the Austrian Society of Biotechnology (1986-1989)
- Austrian Representative to the International Glycoconjugate Organization
- Member of the Editorial Board of „Glycoconjugate Journal“
- Referee for European J. Biochemistry, FEBS Letters and Glycoconjugate Journal
- Co-organizer of the 1<sup>st</sup> European Symposium on carbohydrates and glycoconjugates (EUROCARB; 1981, Vienna)

#### **Activities/Functions Related to Academic Profile; other Functions**

- Former President of ICA, the Association of European Life Science Universities
- member of the Presidency of the Austrian Rectors' Conference (1992 – 2003)
- President of the Board of the Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety Ltd (AGES; 2002 - 2007)
- Vicepresident of the Board of the Austrian Research Foundation Ltd (FFG; 2004-2005)
- Member of the Fachhochschul-Council (responsible for the Accreditation of Curricula at Universities of Applied Sciences); since November 2006 President
- 1992 – 2010 Member of the Board of the Austrian Broadcasting Corporation (ORF)

- President of the Austrian Society für Agricultural and Environmental Research
- President (2000 – 2001) and Vicepresident of the Danube Rectors' Conference
- Secretary General of the „Institut für den Donaauraum und Mitteleuropa“ (Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe)
- Member of the Advisory Board of the Austrian-Croatian Society
- Vice-President of Eco-Social Forum Austria

#### **Academic Honours**

Three Honorary Doctorates (Gödöllő and Mosonmagyaróvár, both Hungary; CZU, Prague)

Several Awards by Faculties and Universities (Nitra, Slovakia; Maribor, Slovenia; Zagreb, Croatia; Brno; Czech Republic)